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STATUS OF EMPLOYED WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unemployed women has increased and they are mostly engaged in lower productivity works like agriculture and getting lower salary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the status of employed women?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

a) & b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the results of these surveys, women unemployment in the country on usual status basis estimated at 1.87 million in 1993-94 went up to 2.14 million in 1999-00 and further increased to 3.97 million in 2004-05, showing an annual growth rate of 2.27 percent during 1993-94 to 1999-00 and 13.16 percent during the period 1999-00 to 2004-05. Percentage share of women and total work force in different sectors and contribution of different sectors to GDP during 2004-05 are given as under:

Sector	% share in work force		%Share in GDP
	Women	Total	Total
Agriculture	72.4	58.5	18.9
Industry	13.9	18.1	28.0
Services	13.7	23.4	53.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c) Government of India has been implementing various employment generation programmes both for men and women. Some of the important ones are Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP). Under MGNREGS, 282.83 crores person-days of employment were created during 2009-10 and 48.6% of the total person-days of employment created went in favour of women. One of the monitorable targets for the Eleventh Plan is to ensure that at least 33 percent of the direct and indirect beneficiaries of all government schemes are women and girl children.